

S.R. No. 399

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is a pleasure for members of the Senate to honor a distinguished colleague, Senator W. E. "Pete" Snelson of Midland, Midland County, Texas, on the occasion of his birthday; and

WHEREAS, "Pete" Snelson was born on March 28, 1923, in Grandfalls, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke R. Snelson, a pioneering West Texas family; his upbringing on the vast West Texas plains gave him an understanding of and a deep insight into the life and problems of that area, which prepared him to represent effectively the largest senatorial district in the United States; it includes 35 counties and covers some 60,000 square miles in area; and

WHEREAS, He served with honor and valor in the European Theater during World War II as a Special Agent of Army Counter Intelligence; he was decorated three times, receiving the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; he was later commissioned to serve as commanding officer of a CIC Reserve Unit in El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, His vital interest in people and in his community has led to his participation in many organizations of service; he is a member of Lions International; he is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason; the Jaycees in Odessa and Midland elected him to hold office; he was voted president of the Texas Jaycees in 1957, and was honored by the United States Jaycees as "Outstanding State President"; and

WHEREAS, His legislative career includes one term in the Texas House of Representatives from 1960 to 1962; he served in the Senate in 1964 for two years, and again in 1969 to the present; he was honored by his colleagues who elected him as President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the 62nd Regular Session, and again during the interim; as President Pro Tempore, he was privileged to serve as Acting Governor of the State on two occasions; and

WHEREAS, Strong leadership has been provided by this Senator from West Texas; he served as Chairman of the important Oil and Gas Committee as well as Commerce and Industry; he has been a member of numerous other Senate Committees as well; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his successful career, he has been strengthened by the faith and support of his lovely wife, Susan; they have four delightful children, Gene, Sandra, Steven, and Shane; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 63rd Legislature pay tribute to Senator W. E. "Pete" Snelson on the occasion of his birthday, and extend to him our best wishes for many more years of good health and happiness.

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Hobby, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 28, 1973.

Secretary of the Senate